

## **EXHIBIT B**



New York State Department of  
**Taxation and Finance**  
Audit Division-Metropolitan D.O.-Sales Tax  
15 Metrotech Ctr Ste 4  
Brooklyn NY 11201-3826

**NOTICE OF DETERMINATION**

CENTURY 21 DEPARTMENT STORES LLC  
22 CORTLANDT ST  
NEW YORK, NY 10007-3107

Total Amount Due	Payment Due Date
<b>\$552,302.86</b>	<b>09/30/2021</b>

Assessment ID#	L-054320894-6
Refer to this number for inquiries	

Tax Type	Sales and Use
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Taxpayer ID#	
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Taxpayer's Legal Name

CENTURY 21 DEPARTMENT STORES LLC

**Why are you getting this Notice?**

Based on an audit, you owe an additional amount.  
Refer to the Computation and Computation Summary Sections for details.

We have estimated the amount of tax under section 1138 of the Tax Law. The estimation of tax due may include consideration of any records submitted for audit. You may challenge this Notice through a hearing process by filing a Request for Conciliation Conference or a Petition for a Division of Tax Appeals hearing by 12/08/21.

- ◆ To pay the amount due: go online at [www.tax.ny.gov](http://www.tax.ny.gov), or call (518) 457-5434, or mail us your payment with the enclosed Payment Coupon.
- ◆ If you disagree, refer to the Notice of Taxpayer Rights for an explanation of your options.

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**Taxation and Finance**

**Payment Due Date: 09/30/2021**  
Pay the total amount due to avoid additional Penalty and Interest.

**Payment Coupon**

Taxpayer Name	Assessment ID Number	Total Amount Due	Amount Paid
CENTURY 21 DEPARTMENT STORES LLC	L-054320894-6	\$552,302.86	\$
			\$
			\$
			\$
			\$

Form track number •

Amount received •

Payment effect/rec'd dates •

For office use only

**Payment for additional outstanding liabilities**

Enter Assessment ID # for each additional liability you are paying; if paying more than 3, attach a list of the other Assessment IDs.

**Total Amount Enclosed**

Make your check or money order \* payable to the **Commissioner of Taxation and Finance**.

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\* If you prefer to pay by credit card or directly from your bank account, please visit our Web site at [www.tax.ny.gov](http://www.tax.ny.gov) and select **Make a payment**, or call (518) 457-5434.

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## Computation Section

Based on our audit of your records, we determined that you owe tax, interest, and any applicable penalties (NYS Tax Law sections 1138 and 1145).

## Computation Summary Section

Tax Period Ended	Tax Amount Assessed	(+) Interest Amount Assessed	(+) Penalty Amount Assessed	(-) Assessment Payments/ Credits	(=) Current Balance Due
02-29-16	4,684.25	5,669.80	1,405.22	0.00	11,759.27
05-31-16	4,684.25	5,298.28	1,405.22	0.00	11,387.75
08-31-16	4,684.25	4,940.09	1,405.22	0.00	11,029.56
11-30-16	4,684.25	4,598.44	1,405.22	0.00	10,687.91
02-28-17	207,200.32	188,986.53	62,160.03	0.00	458,346.88
05-31-17	4,684.25	3,951.11	1,405.22	0.00	10,040.58
08-31-17	4,684.25	3,641.26	1,405.22	0.00	9,730.73
11-30-17	4,684.25	3,345.72	1,405.22	0.00	9,435.19
02-28-18	5,634.37	3,685.18	1,690.23	0.00	11,009.78
05-31-18	4,684.25	2,785.74	1,405.22	0.00	8,875.21
TOTALS	250,308.69	226,902.15	75,092.02	0.00	552,302.86

NOTE: To view the current balance of any unpaid tax bills, access our web site at [www.tax.ny.gov/online](http://www.tax.ny.gov/online).

If you have specific questions about the audit and how we determined your liability, call (347) 390-7314, Audit Division-Metropolitan D.O.-Sales Tax.

**IF WE DO NOT RECEIVE a response to this Notice by 12/08/21, this Notice will become an assessment subject to collection action.**

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Be sure to include the Assessment ID on your check. Writing your Taxpayer ID on your check will help us process your payment faster.

#### Have you moved?

Go online to update your address or contact information, or update below.

Name		
Street	Apt no.	
City	State	ZIP
Country	Daytime phone ( )	
Taxpayer ID#		

#### Consent to amount due

I agree with the amount due. In accordance with section 1138 of the Tax Law:

- I hereby waive my right to challenge this Notice within 90/150 days.
- The tax, interest, and any applicable penalties will become assessed and subject to collection action.

Mail to the address below



Signature of responsible person \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime phone \_\_\_\_\_

**NYS ASSESSMENT RECEIVABLES  
PO BOX 4127  
BINGHAMTON NY 13902-4127**



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### **If You Agree With This Notice**

Pay in any of the following ways:

- Online: at [www.tax.ny.gov](http://www.tax.ny.gov).
- Phone: call (518) 457-5434. We will ask for your Taxpayer ID and PIN.  
**Your PIN is: 0894**
- Mail: Be sure to include the enclosed coupon with your payment.

If you are paying by mail, be sure to sign the consent section of the payment coupon.

If you agree with some of the adjustments or cannot pay the total amount due, a partial payment will reduce the basis on which we compute interest and any applicable penalties. We will send you a bill for the remaining balance due.

**NOTE: We will continue to add interest and any applicable penalties to the total amount due, unless you pay the total amount due by the payment due date.**

### **If You Disagree With This Notice**

To request a Conciliation Conference, complete the Request for Conciliation Conference (Form CMS-1) available at [www.tax.ny.gov](http://www.tax.ny.gov) or call us at (518) 457-3280.

To request a Petition for a Tax Appeals Hearing, complete form TA-10 available at [www.nysdta.org](http://www.nysdta.org) or call (518) 266-3000.

**NOTE: You must file the Request for Conciliation Conference or a Petition for a Division of Tax Appeals hearing by 12/08/21.**



New York State Department of Taxation and Finance

**Notice of Taxpayer Rights**

**Disagreeing with a Tax Department decision**

**Informal protest**

You have the right to informally protest any bill or notice you don't agree with. Usually, an **informal protest** is the easiest, fastest, and least expensive way to resolve a problem. To contact us informally:

**Online:** Many notices you may receive from us allow you to use our *Respond to Department Notice* online service. You must have an *Online Services* account with the Tax Department.

**Phone or mail:** If you can't respond online, the notice will tell you who to call and where to mail your protest.

**Formal protest**

In some cases, you may timely file a **formal protest** to have your dispute decided impartially. Your notice will indicate whether you have formal protest rights, which normally means you may request a conciliation conference or a Division of Tax Appeals hearing.

**Conciliation conference**

An impartial person, known as a *conferee* will review the evidence that you and the Tax Department present, and determine a fair result. You'll receive a proposed resolution called a *consent*. If you don't agree with the consent, the conferee will issue a binding conciliation order. If you don't agree with the order, you must file a petition for a hearing with the Division of Tax Appeals. Visit our Web site to learn how to request a conciliation conference.

**Division of Tax Appeals hearing**

You and a Tax Department representative will have the opportunity to present evidence in a hearing before an impartial administrative law judge. The judge will review the evidence and make a determination. If you don't agree with the judge's determination, you may seek further review before the Tax Appeals Tribunal. The Tribunal will review the hearing record and your legal arguments, and then issue a decision or refer it back to the judge for further review. If you don't agree with the Tribunal's decision, you may seek further review in a court of law. For more information, contact the division directly at [www.nysdta.org](http://www.nysdta.org) or Division of Tax Appeals, Agency Building 1, Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12223.

**Estate tax**

If you're formally protesting an estate tax matter, you may request a conciliation conference, or begin a legal proceeding against the Tax Department in your county's Surrogate's Court. You may not seek review of estate tax matters through the Division of Tax Appeals.

**Representation**

If you would like someone else to contact the Tax Department on your behalf with regard to an informal or formal protest, visit our Web site to learn more.

**Getting a refund**

If you think you paid too much tax, or if you think you weren't required to pay a particular tax, you have the right to request a refund.

Usually, you must request a refund within three years of the date you filed the return, or within two years of the time you paid the tax, whichever is later. The time limits for requesting a refund differ, depending on the type of tax and whether you filed a return. Contact us at (518) 457-5434 to learn your time limits, and whether you need to use a particular form.

**The audit process**

In an audit, the Tax Department reviews your tax return and tax records to verify that you paid the correct amount of tax. If we select you for an audit, it doesn't mean you've done anything wrong. We want only to confirm the amounts on your tax return. The Tax Law requires that you give the auditor all records needed to verify the information on your return.

For more information, see Publications 130-D (desk audit) and 130-F (field audit), *The New York State Tax Audit — Your Rights and Responsibilities*.

**The collection process**

If you don't pay the tax due on your return, or if we find that you owe additional tax, penalties, or interest, we'll send you a notice or a bill. If you have an *Online Services* account with us, you can view and pay your bills online.

If you're behind on your tax payments, it's in your best interest to contact us as soon as possible, before we begin collection actions. If you can't pay what you owe in full, you may be eligible for:

- a payment plan that allows you to spread out your payments.
- our *Offer in Compromise* program, which can reduce the amount you have to pay under certain circumstances, such as economic hardship.

If you don't pay your bill (or formally protest) after a certain period, we'll file a tax warrant against you.

A **warrant** is the equivalent of a legal judgment against you. It gives us the legal right to seize your property without your consent. Warrants are public records filed with the Department of State and with your county clerk's office. A warrant may affect your credit rating or your ability to buy or sell real property.

In addition to filing a warrant, we may take other collection actions against you:

A **levy** is a legal seizure of your property, usually bank accounts. Before we do this, we send you a notice indicating what kinds of property we can't seize, such as social security and pension income. The bank withdraws the money from your account and sends it to us.

An **income execution**, also known as a *garnishment*, is a levy against your wages. We first allow you to voluntarily pay up to 10% of your wages to satisfy your tax debts. If you don't make the voluntary payments, we contact your employer to automatically deduct the payment from your wages. The payments continue until you've paid your tax debt in full.

As a last resort, we physically **seize** your non-exempt property and sell it at auction. Before the auction, you can pay what you owe and get your property back. If the property is sold at auction, we apply the proceeds to your tax debt. If the proceeds are greater than your debt and our expenses, we return the surplus to you.

If New York State, another state, or the Internal Revenue Service owes you money, we may withhold those payments from you, applying them instead against your tax debts.

For more information, see Publication 125, *The Collection Process*.

## Innocent spouse

As a general rule, if you file a joint personal income tax return, you and your spouse are both responsible for paying the tax and any interest or penalties that may be due. Under certain circumstances, we won't require an "innocent spouse" to pay certain tax debts.

To learn more, see Publication 89, *Innocent Spouse Relief (and Separation of Liability and Equitable Relief)*.

## Complaints

If you have an issue with the Tax Department that you can't resolve through normal channels, the Office of the New York State Taxpayer Rights Advocate may be able to help you. The Taxpayer Rights Advocate's Office will listen to you, learn about your problems or concerns, and work with you to resolve them. For more information, visit the Taxpayer Rights Advocate page at [www.tax.ny.gov/tra](http://www.tax.ny.gov/tra).

## To learn more

For more information on all these topics, see Publication 131, *Your Rights and Obligations Under the Tax Law*.

## Need help?



Visit our Web site at [www.tax.ny.gov](http://www.tax.ny.gov)

- get information and manage your taxes online
- check for new online services and features



### Telephone assistance

**Business Tax** Information Center: (518) 457-5342

**Personal Income Tax** Information Center: (518) 457-5181

**Estate Tax** Information Center: (518) 457-5387

To order forms and publications: (518) 457-5431

**Text Telephone (TTY) Hotline:** (for persons with hearing and speech disabilities using a TTY): (518) 485-5082



**Persons with disabilities:** In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, we will ensure that our lobbies, offices, meeting rooms, and other facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities. If you have questions about special accommodations for persons with disabilities, call the information center.